## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

ANTHONY DAVID TEAL and ONETA KAY TEAL, Individually,	)
Plaintiffs,	) Civil Action No
v.	) Removal from Circuit Court of Coffee County, Tennessee,
COFFEE COUNTY BANK,	) Case No. 40525
Defendant.	) Jury Demand

## **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant Coffee County Bank ("CCB"), through undersigned counsel, hereby notices the removal of this case from the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Tennessee to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. In support thereof, CCB states as follows:

- 1. On July 30, 2013, Plaintiffs Anthony David Teal and Oneta Kay Teal ("Plaintiffs") brought the above-styled action against Coffee County Bank in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Tennessee, Case No. 40525. Plaintiffs also filed, pursuant to that action, a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction against Kenneth C. Kirby, CCB's President. *See* Verified Complaint, Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Summons, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. CCB was served with Plaintiffs' Complaint and Motion on July 31, 2013.
- 2. Plaintiffs' action seeks damages for alleged violations of federal law. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege violations of the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1635(b), and a violation of 11 U.S.C. § 524 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 3. The underlying facts forming the basis of Plaintiffs' claims also form the basis of civil RICO and other claims currently pending before this Court in the case styled *Anthony David Teal, et ux v. Coffee County Bank, et al.*, United States District Court Eastern District of Tennessee, Civil Action No. 4:13-cv-00019 (Collier J.). Accordingly, the matters should be consolidated.
- 4. This action is removable on the grounds that federal question jurisdiction exists pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as Plaintiffs' claims for violations of the federal Truth in Lending Act and the Bankruptcy Code arise under the laws of the United States. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 5. This Notice of Removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Notice of this action was served on CCB on July 31, 2013. Therefore, the 30-day period under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) to remove this action has not yet expired.
- 6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), CCB has attached hereto a copy of all process and pleadings served upon CCB in this action. See Ex. A
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Defendants certify that a Notice of Removal has been filed with the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Tennessee and served upon Plaintiffs' attorney at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I hereby certify that on August 1, 2013, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically and was served upon Carol A. Molloy, Esq., 6724 Buford Station Road, Lynnville, Tennessee 38472, via U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2013.

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